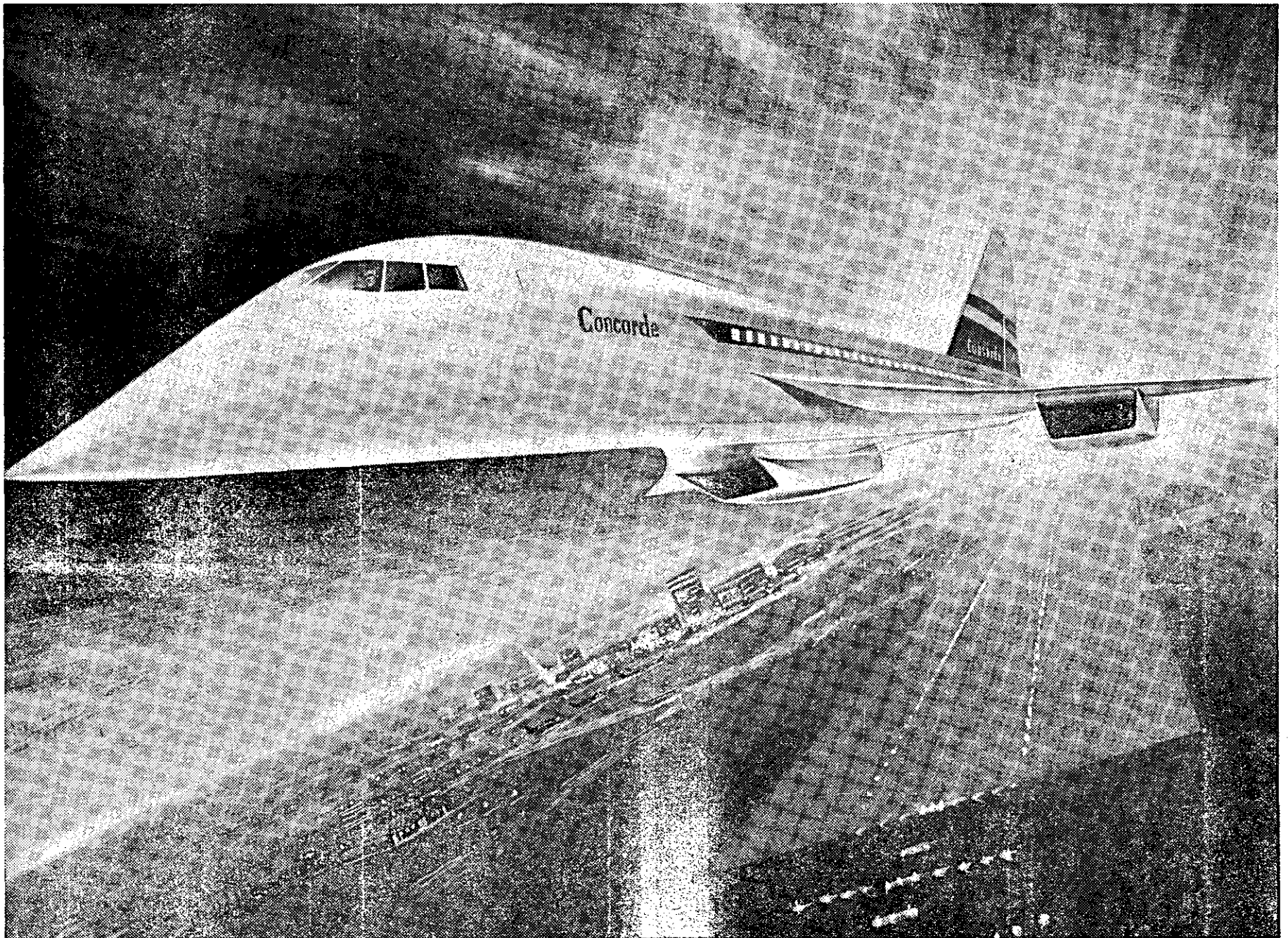


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NEW YORK . . . IN THREE HOURS!

HIGH-FLYING aircraft streaking through the air at twice the speed of sound will whisk passengers to New York in three hours from airports in London or Paris in the early 'seventies.

This is the performance planned for the Concorde, a delta-winged monoplane under development by the British Aircraft Corporation and the French firm of Sud-Aviation.

Powering it will be four Bristol Siddeley Olympus engines, each producing 100,000 horse power to thrust the liner through the air at 24 miles a minute—twice as fast as the present jet-liners.

Friction will make the Concorde's aluminium-alloy

body as hot as boiling water. But the 100 passengers will be comfortable in their pressurised cabin between 50,000 and 65,000 feet above the ground.

Two versions of the Concorde are being made, one carrying fuel for a range of 2,800 miles and the other for 3,700 miles.

Neither plane will be noisier

than present-day jets, and people on the ground will not be conscious of the extra boom caused by high speed. This will be muffled by the great distance between them and the aircraft.

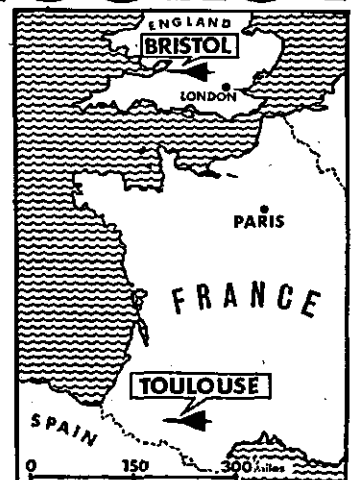
This is a fine example of Anglo-French co-operation. Each country is making part of the aircraft, which will be brought to final assembly lines

in Filton, near Bristol, and Toulouse, in France.

The first Concorde will have flight tests in 1966, and the plane should be in use by the world's airlines by 1970.

For more pictures of the Concorde, see CN Panorama, pages 6-7.

Map showing Bristol and Toulouse, where the Concorde is being jointly built.



IN BRITAIN NOW



CALLING THE WORLD

Within a few weeks it will be possible to ring up anyone in Australia and New Zealand and hold a conversation as easily as if the call was a local one. For a cable stretching between Oban, in Scotland, Sydney (Australia) and Auckland (New Zealand) has been completed.

The cable will carry 80 telephone conversations at the same time, and any one of the lines will also serve 22 teletypewriter circuits. When it starts operating early next

month, telephone operators in London and Sydney will be able to dial right through.

The final stretch of the cable was spliced into position off the coast of Honolulu. It was laid from the cable-ship *Mercury*, thus completing a telephone link covering 14,500 miles. The project has cost £26,000,000, which is being met by Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and other directly linked Commonwealth countries.

EXAMS FIRST

With so much publicity given to the fortunes earned in record time by this group or that, it is refreshing to learn of one which rejected a big offer.

The Applejacks, a Warwickshire beat group of five boys and a girl, were offered a £10,000 contract—and turned it down.

Three of the boys were studying for the GCE and, determined to stick together, the group refused to break up, preferring to consider the future next June, when the exams are behind them.

FARMERS GO TALKING

Farmers are reputed to be men of few words; but in Ulster, during the next week or so, they will have a lot to say.

This Thursday, the Young Farmers' Clubs there open a debating competition in which 182 teams—in age-groups from 12 to 25—will cover a number of topics.

The final will take place at Queen's University, Belfast, on 30th November.

WILDLIFE SCHOOL SERVICE

Has your school joined the World Wildlife Fund's School Group scheme? Letters have been sent to 40,000 head teachers explaining this idea for getting as many young people as possible interested in saving many of the world's wild creatures from extinction.

Part of the scheme includes lectures and films for school parties in various parts of the country.

Maxwell Knight, our Nature correspondent writes about this Wildlife scheme on page 6.

INSEPARABLE TWINS



Meet the twins who have been inseparable classmates throughout their school life so far and want to go to university together and make art their career.

They are Nigel (left) and Clive Bates of Northwich, Cheshire, and they attend Sir John Deane's Grammar School, one of the oldest in the north of England.

Aged fifteen, they sat for their GCE examinations a year earlier than normal and passed fifteen subjects between them! The boys have an unusual hobby, too. They go round cathedrals and churches collecting wax impressions of tomb brasses.

Schoolboys Nigel and Clive Bates, who have 15 GCE subjects between them

It seems to me...

ON our front page two weeks ago we had a picture of veteran cars. This week we have the new supersonic airliner Concorde.

What a difference! What a contrast there is between these two ways of getting from one place to another!

I've no doubt that, where the Concorde is concerned, some people are going to say, "New York in three hours? Faster than sound? What's the point? Why this passion for speed?"

Surely such people miss the real point, which is that it is in the nature of Man always to be striving in some direction, whether it is to fly higher, dive deeper, build more strongly—or even to run a mile faster—than he could before.

I HAVE had several letters from faraway places this week, among them two which I would particularly have liked to publish in our Readers' Letters column if there had been room. Unfortunately there wasn't, but at least I can tell you about them here.

The first is from Warsaw, which, as you know, is the capital of Poland. The writer is Maria Teter, who is fourteen, and a keen reader of CN.

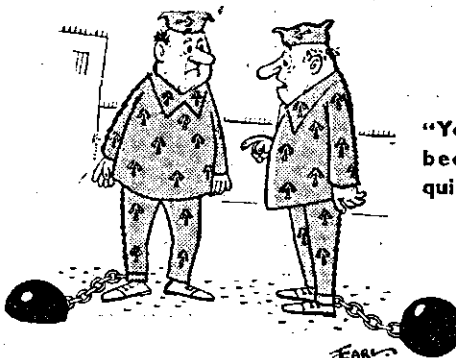
Maria has been learning English for two years (and already writes it very well!) and she would now very much like an English friend to write to. Her address is: Maria Teter, Warsaw 86, W. Swierczewskiego, 78m 27, Poland. (Complicated, isn't it?)

THE other letter is from Irene Goodes, who is also fourteen, and who lives in Launceston, Tasmania. Irene has written a long and interesting letter about home on the other side of the world—and made me very envious by telling me that summer is just starting there!

I'm sure that Irene would like to hear from other CN readers too. You can write to her at: 29 Winston Street, Launceston Tasmania, Australia.

The Editor

LAUGH TIME



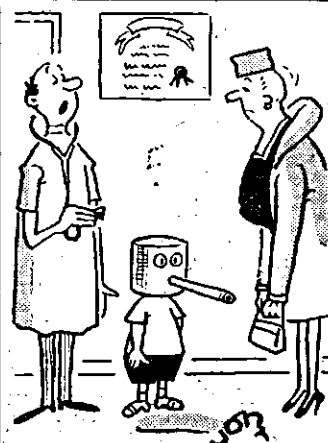
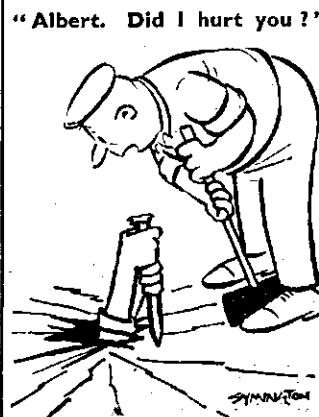
"You must have been in here quite a time!"



"Friend of mine from the aircraft factory—works in the wind tunnel."



"If I'm not back, you can't miss India. It's sort of triangular."



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READERS' LETTERS

HE WAS INSPIRED BY THE CN!

Dear Sir,—I thought you might be interested to hear of my young son's little venture, since his inspiration came from something he read in your paper.

We have for many years known a local RSPCA worker who does a lot of animal care work in her own home, taking in unwanted puppies and kittens and finding homes for them.

Richard (aged 11½) had the idea during the summer holiday of holding a sale of his toys and books to raise funds for food, vets' fees, etc., for these "unwantseds."

He enlisted the aid of his younger brother Charles (aged 7½) and they spent two whole days cleaning and repairing and pricing the things. Then Richard did a large cardboard notice which he pinned on the front fence and they set up shop on a trestle table, borrowed from a firm of decorators, in the carport at the side of the house.

At the end of the first day they had taken £6, and had decided to make their target £10. Several of the children who came to buy offered some of their things for



Charles and Richard Tytheridge

sale, and the second day's trading brought the total up to the £10.

My purpose in writing to you about this is the hope that it may give other boys and girls the same idea. These little efforts could be very helpful to the causes they support.

Patricia Tytheridge, Eltham, S.E.9.

CLUB NEWS

Dear Sir,—I am writing to tell you about our new club.

It has only been going for two weeks. It is for young people from the age of 12-19, who go to church regularly.

At the first meeting we had table tennis, billiards, and records. At the second meeting a man came to show us some colour slides of Africa.

Next week we are going to have someone from a newspaper office to tell us how a newspaper works.

We now have 32 members and we meet every Wednesday.

Alison McMillan, Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

MAIDENS' GARLANDS

Dear Sir,—I am writing to tell you about the "Maidens' Garlands" in our church. There are very few churches that have them.

Maidens' Garlands, or Virgins' Crowns (another name for them), were first hung in churches in memory of maidens who (1) lost their intended before marriage and remained true all their lives, (2) led good lives but died in the early years of marriage.

They are made of cloth and

FORWARDS, NOT BACKWARDS

Dear Sir,—It is interesting to note that watch-menders do their best trade at this time of the year. Why? Because, when the clocks are put back, so many people turn their clocks and watches back one hour, instead of putting them on eleven hours.

Geoffrey Mullet, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

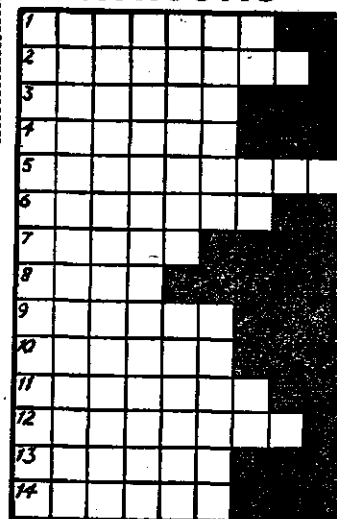
FOUR WAYS AT ONCE

Dear Sir,—As I was returning home from Cardiff some time ago, I noticed a very unusual thing. Four methods of transport side by side; a railway, a road, a canal, and a river.

I wonder if anyone else has seen more than four?

John E. Jenkins, Llwynhendy Llanelly.

GEOGRAPHY ACROSTIC



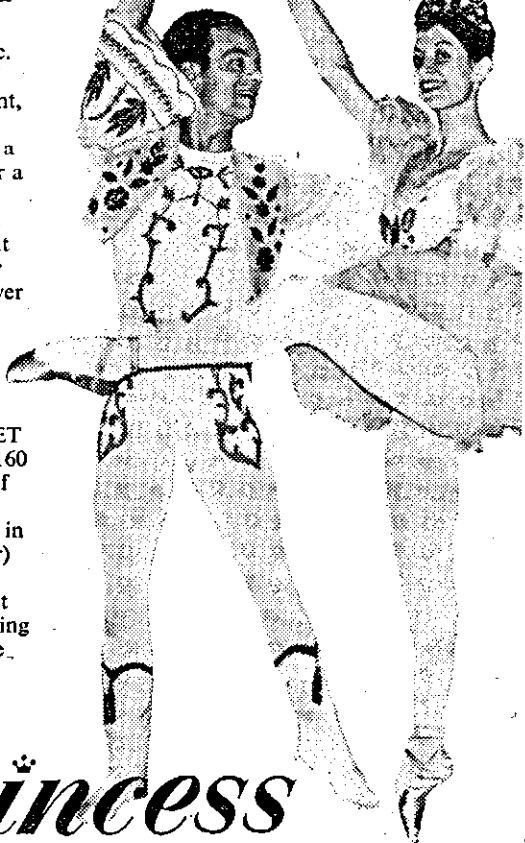
Can you find the answer to each clue? If you do so correctly the initial letters will, when read downwards, spell the name of a European country.

- 1 Biggest inland sea.
- 2 Island off the east coast of Africa.
- 3 Active volcano in the Antarctic.
- 4 Island-republic in the Indian Ocean.
- 5 Mountain range which includes Everest.
- 6 Canadian province.
- 7 Paris stands on this river.
- 8 Capital of Peru.
- 9 Russian Black Sea port.
- 10 City of canals.
- 11 Napoleon was born in this Corsican capital.
- 12 A State of the USA.
- 13 Jewish republic.
- 14 Greatest river of South America.

Answer on page 12.

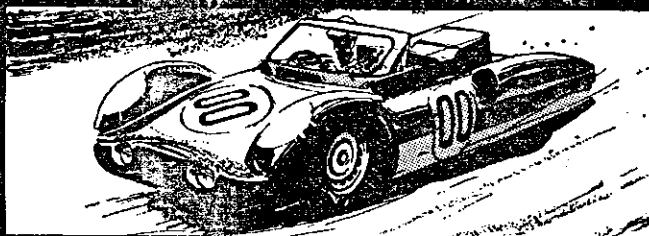
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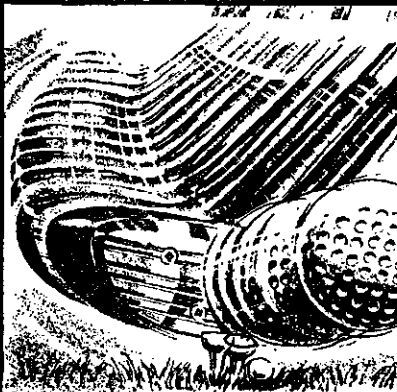
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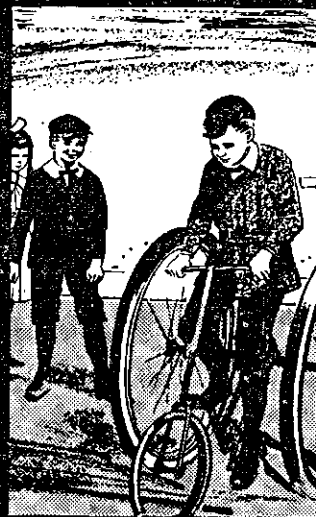
BRAKES ACCELERATE PROGRESS!

When a racing car corners, quick safe braking saves valuable seconds. On the revolutionary Rover-B.M. gas turbine car, which won the special award at this year's Le Mans Grand Prix at an average speed of 107.8 m.p.h., the Dunlop disc brakes had to bear the brunt of cornering control, because this car has no gears! Rival drivers in this tough race were amazed at the way the Rover-B.M. beat them in cornering.



TEE TIME STORY

When a golfer drives off from the tee, the head of his club whams onto the ball at a speed of about 110 m.p.h. and with a force of about half a ton! The ball flies towards the green at something like 150 m.p.h., spinning at nearly 4,000 revolutions a minute. A good golfer can drive to a distance of over 200 yards in one stroke, particularly if he uses Dunlop clubs and the famous Dunlop '65' golf ball.



CYCLORAMA

It is just 75 years ago that John Boyd Dunlop patented the first practical pneumatic tyre. Following his first contraption of wood, sheet rubber and canvas, the inventor developed a tyre which proved successful on his son Johnny's tricycle. Contrast this with today's wonderful Dunlop cycle tyres. Progress has been so spectacular over the years that British cycle tyre manufacturers alone sell nearly 12,000,000 a year.

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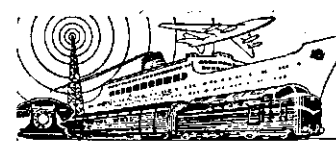
SYMBOL OF PROGRESS





THIS WIDE WORLD

BRIEFLY...



A Hamburg museum has a model railway room with 55 locomotives and 300 wagons. Visitors can "play trains" at ninepence a time.

A cowshed being built at Essen, West Germany, is claimed to be Europe's biggest. It will house—to begin with—1,500 cows belonging to 80 local farmers who have clubbed together for the enterprise.

Kent's leaning tower

An Italian engineer from Pisa has been supervising work on the 14th-century leaning bell tower of Lamberhurst, Kent. It will continue to lean, but will be made strong enough to hold the church bells.

Liverpool is to have a Junior British Association for the Advancement of Science. Meetings next year will be addressed by celebrated scientists, and a Science Fair is being planned.

Thirteen-year-old Bruce Benson, who saved a soldier from drowning in a West Berlin swimming pool, has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's certificate. Bruce is the son of a British officer serving in Berlin.

Atoms for peace

A Russian and an American scientist have together received Atoms for Peace awards for their contribution to the peaceful uses of atomic energy. Atoms for Peace Awards were established by the Ford Motor Company Fund.

The biggest tanker ever built in Britain, the 85,000-ton *Rimfonn*, has been launched at Harland & Wolff's shipyard, Belfast. An even bigger one is to be built at the same yard.

SOUTH POLE CHEF

WORLD'S LARDER

Scientific methods are enabling American farmers to grow more and more food on less and less land and with fewer workers.

Farmers can not only provide food for every person in their own country, but export £1,800,000,000-worth of their products every year. Included in this vast sum is about £547,000,000-worth sent abroad to many countries under America's Food for Peace programme.

Rodney Dean of Chester, 21-year-old cook to a scientific expedition in Antarctica, says he'd rather feed dogs than people.

The 23 huskies he feeds, he says, are the friendliest and most playful animals he has ever known. Each of them gets 7 lb. of meat every two days.

His 20 human colleagues also have appetites sharpened by the keen Antarctic air. They can get through—among other items—12 lb of bread a day and 80 lb of flour a week.

HE WANTS TO BE THE FIRST SPACE BOY

Nine-year-old Gregory James of Wollongong, New South Wales, wants to be the first boy in space. Recently he wrote to President Kennedy saying: "You've had rats, monkeys, and men in space, and I think it's time to put a boy up there. I want to be that boy."

The reply, forwarded by the US Ambassador to Australia, said: "The President wishes me to thank you for your comments. He regrets he cannot include you in the space programme as you ask."

BAKELITE MAN

The Belgian whose invention of Bakelite led to the immense variety of plastics in use today was born just 100 years ago—on the 14th November, 1863. He was Leo Hendrik Baekeland, who emigrated to the United States when he was 26.

First he helped to make photography available to everyone with his Velox photographic paper. He developed Bakelite in 1906 as an easily-moulded plastic which was cheap, hard, strong, and resistant to heat. It is still widely used for, among other purposes, making brake linings, varnishes, and various plastic parts.

Leo Baekeland died in New York in 1944.

BIG CHOICE!

At Mülheim - on - the - Ruhr, Germany's first supermarket for flowers, "the house of a thousand perfumes," offers customers a choice of 150,000 plants.

RUSSIAN ROBINSON CRUSOE!

A young Russian opera star's name is Nikolai Robinson Crusoe. The name comes from his grandfather, a serf who ran away from his master, found a job on a ship, and dropped his surname of Fokine to avoid detection. He simply called himself Nikolai.

His ship passed close to an island in the Indian Ocean, and he and another sailor were sent to explore it, but their boat capsized and they had to spend the night on the island. Afterwards grandfather was called Robinson Crusoe, and in time the name became official.

NOUVELLES DE BELGIQUE

Liège. Johnny Hallyday et Sylvie Vartan ont été bombardés à coup de tomates par des spectateurs "anti-twist," au cours d'une représentation au cinéma Palace de Liège.

Divers incidents se sont produits pendant et après leur tour de chant. D'autre part, les éléments anti-twist, qui avaient réussi à se mêler au public de teenagers venu applaudir ses idoles, ont essayé d'empêcher Johnny et Sylvie de regagner leur hôtel.

La police a dû intervenir. Cinq arrestations pour vérification d'identité ont été opérées.

A 10s. 6d. book taken will be awarded for what the Editor considers the best translation received by Wednesday, 20th November. Send to: Nouvelles de Belgique, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C4. 26th October winner: Alan Whyte, 56 Temnyson Road, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey.

Coming Events



▲ **BIRMINGHAM:** Cattle and Poultry Show in the Warwickshire city, 19th and 20th November.

▲ **BRITAIN:** The Boys' Brigade will be asking parents, relatives, and friends for donations from 23rd to 30th November.

▲ **WEMBLEY:** Football international between England and Ireland, 20th November.
▲ **GLASGOW:** Scotland meet Wales on the same day at Hampden Park.



LONDON: Trumpeters of the Royal Military School of Music will play at the Royal Festival Hall, 22nd November.



KNOW YOUR NEWS

OPERATION "BIG LIFT"

THREE weeks ago the whole of the United States 2nd Armoured Division—14,500 combat troops with their weapons—flew to Germany from Texas.

They called it Operation Big Lift, and it was the greatest display of battle-readiness in history.

Why should the US Government have sent this vast armada of 240 transport aircraft and 116 strike planes right across the Atlantic Ocean at this time?

Because the world is not yet at peace. There is still suspicion, tension, and sometimes friction between the two "sides"—the Communist bloc, and the West.

The basic fact of the present situation is that both Russia and the United States, which are the two great Powers today, are afraid

of war. They know that they have enough H-bombs between them to destroy the world.

The Big Lift was not a warning to Russia. It was intended to show that America can reinforce her European allies in a matter of hours on a huge scale.

Nor did Mr. Krushchev regard the Big Lift as a threat. Instead he announced that Russia is giving up her attempt to fly astronauts to the Moon. The main reason for this was that the

project would be much too costly.

Russia and the United States are in fact in similar difficulties over the cost of things.

Russia has a food shortage and needs to build up her industries. If she can save money both on her men-to-the-Moon and defence

By our

Special Correspondent

programmes, she can spend it on things nearer home.

America finds her world defence commitments crippling, coming on top of her space projects. In Europe alone, for example, she



Soldiers, jeeps, and aircraft—all a part of "Big Lift"

spends £350,000,000 a year on defence.

The success of Big Lift means that she can gradually cut her forces in Europe without really lowering her guard.

Experts now expect the two

Powers to get to grips at last with the real problem: namely, how to get the nations of the world to disarm, under proper controls, so that the money saved can raise world living standards.

That's the real "Big Lift."

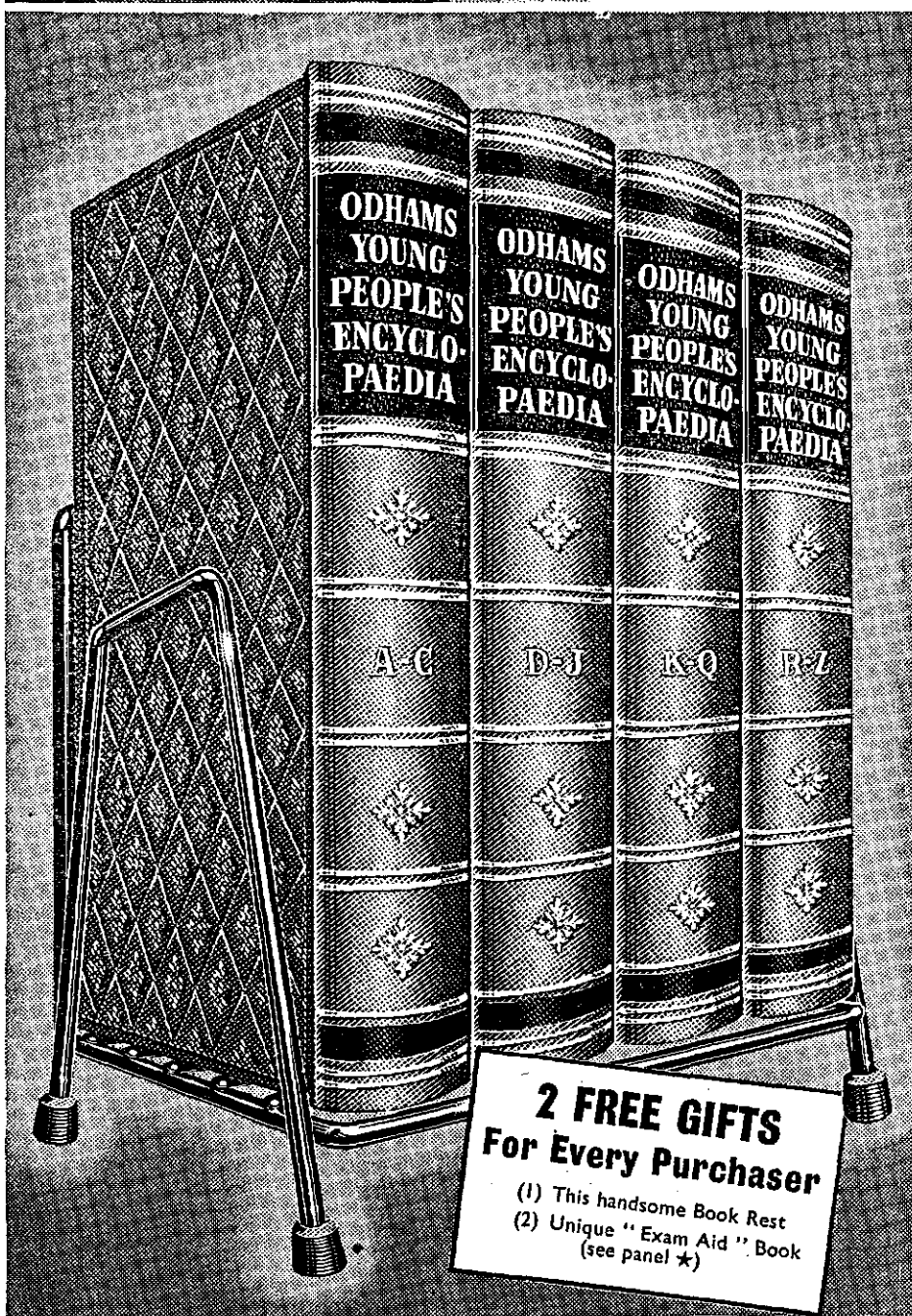
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HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

SMALL POLITICAL PARTIES

In addition to the three main political parties, there are a few smaller ones. None of these have any members in the House of Commons at present.

One of these smaller parties is the British Communist Party, which was founded in 1920. At each General Election since then the Communist Party has put forward a number of candidates, but without much success.

The first Communist MP was Mr. Saklatvala, who was elected for Battersea in 1929. There have been only two other Communists in the House of Commons—Mr. Gallacher, who represented West Fife from 1935 to 1950, and Mr. Piratin, who was an MP from 1945 to 1950.

At the last General Election, in 1959, nearly 28 million people voted. Just over 30,000 voted for Communist candidates.

Two other smaller parties are concerned solely with particular areas of the United Kingdom. They are the Welsh Nationalist Party (*Plaid Cymru*), formed in 1925; and the Scottish Nationalist Party, formed in 1928. Each of these parties wants its country to govern itself (instead of a British Parliament in London governing it).

Only once has a Scottish

Nationalist become an MP—after a by-election at Motherwell in April, 1945, when Dr. Robert McIntyre (now president of the Party) won a seat. He was defeated, however, in the General Election three months later.

The Welsh Nationalists have never won an election.

Boycott the UK !

Another small party is the Sinn Fein ("we ourselves") of Northern Ireland. This party tries to get people in Northern Ireland to vote for its candidates, and the candidates promise that if they are elected they will not attend the House of Commons! This is because the Sinn Fein party want Northern Ireland to have nothing at all to do with the UK Parliament.

None of their candidates was elected in 1959. In 1955 one Sinn Fein member was elected but was later disqualified because he was in prison.

In addition to these four small parties there are one or two others which are very small indeed, with only a handful of supporters.



The Scottish Nationalist Party Candidate, Mr. Arthur Donaldson (centre), with supporters

Next week :

CHOOSING A PARTY LEADER

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



WILDLIFE AND YOUTH

Some time ago I wrote about the World Wildlife Fund—the international organisation formed not long ago to raise money for helping to conserve wildlife wherever it is threatened.

Quite recently I have had a number of letters asking me how things are going.

It is very important for people to realise that, without conservation, there is a high risk that your grandchildren, or even your children, might come to live in a

by

Maxwell Knight

world where there were hardly any interesting and beautiful creatures or trees and flowers in the wild.

One of the most recent schemes, which should appeal to all young naturalists, is the setting up, in our own country, of The Wildlife Youth Service and a School Group Scheme.

The first, which is having the personal attention and guidance of Peter Scott, Chairman of the World Wildlife Fund, is to recruit young people who will give up some of their time to doing practical work for the Fund, and



Wildlife Rangers making friends with a New Forest pony

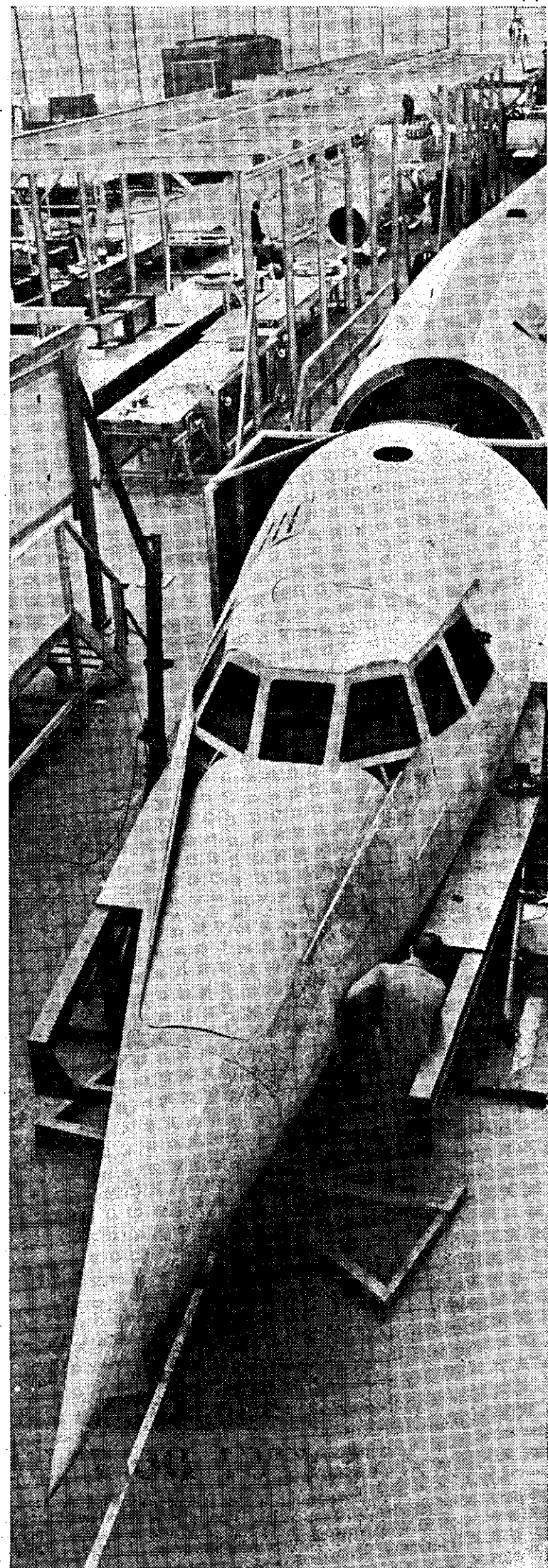
to give them opportunities of seeing at first hand our special areas of beautiful and wild country and what lives in them.

For instance, a mixed party of the Wildlife Rangers (who come under the Youth Service section) spent two weeks in Snowdonia, where they not only had a wonderful camping holiday, but went climbing, rambling and

observing wild life. All the members of this party came from London. This first venture of its kind was so successful that three camps have already been planned for 1964!

The idea behind the School Group Scheme is to get the support of as many schools as possible, and to endeavour to get those pupils who are keen to take more and more interest in the preservation of wild life. As some 40,000 schools have had letters sent to their Head Teachers, you may well have heard, or will hear, details about this.

If any of you want to have further particulars of the Wildlife Rangers or the School Group Scheme, you have only to write to the Director of the Wildlife Youth Service, 2 Caxton Street, London, S.W.1. But *do* send a stamped, addressed envelope with your letter. The Fund needs all the money it has to spend on practical work.



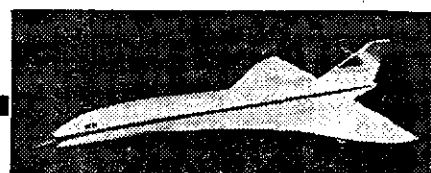
A full-scale model of the Concorde at the British Aircraft Company seen lowered in front of the wind-screen to improve the pilot's view

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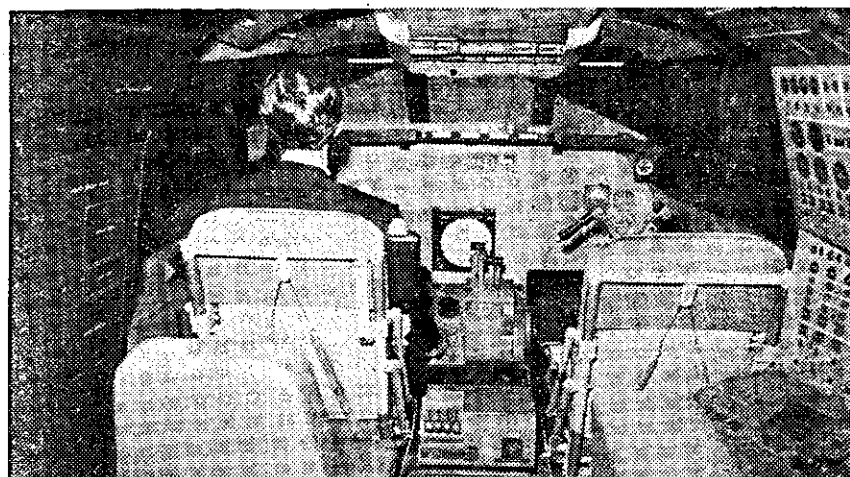


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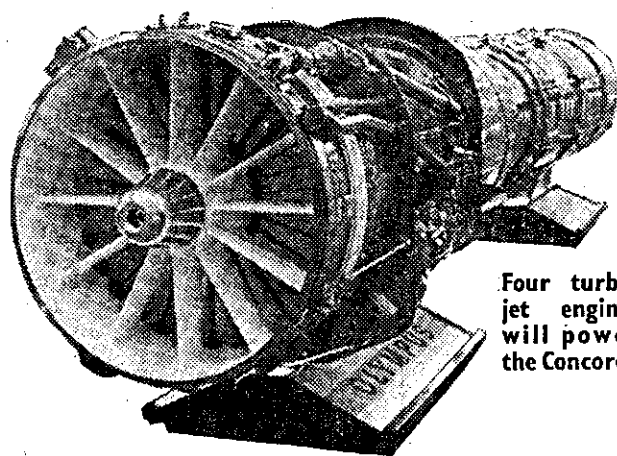
Flying in the Concorde will be as comfortable as travelling in any other jet. But you will notice that the deck slopes slightly because of the plane's design.



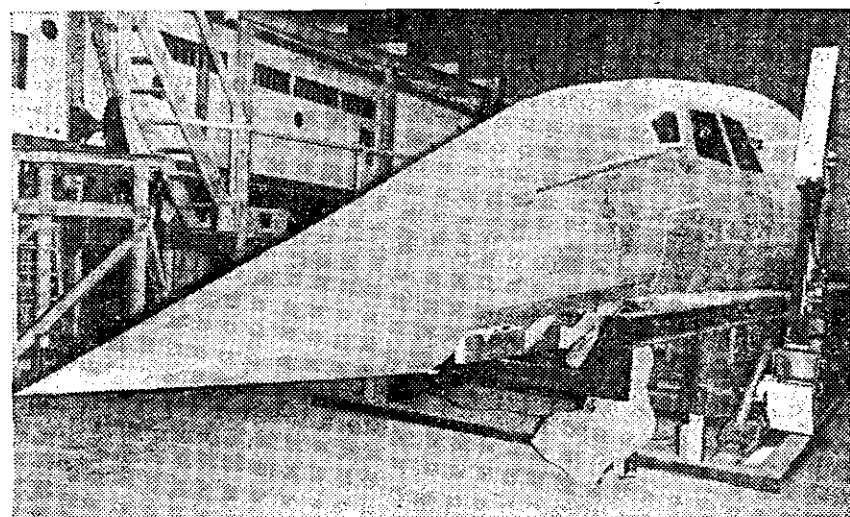
The flight deck in a model of the cockpit.



A protective heat shield slides forward for supersonic flight to improve vision: (below) it is seen raised for faster-than-sound flight.



Four turbojet engines will power the Concorde



A mock-up of the passenger cabin with some of the seats in place.

works. The heat shield is
ew on landing and take-off.



ANYTHING YOU CAN DO...

At some time or another, most girls wish they were boys. But have you ever stopped to think that there are few things boys do that girls can't?

You can *woosh* through space or explore the sea-bed. Train to be a mechanic or an electrical engineer. Become a "speed cop" or a special constable. Have a career in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Be a parachutist, a pilot, a racing car driver, taxi-driver, lion-tamer, deep-sea fisherwoman, wall-of-death motor-cyclist, or a sweep. You can choose to work at home or travel abroad. You can remain single or you can marry. The choice is yours.

There are a few remaining jobs where women have not been accepted—for example, Prime Minister, Archbishop of Canterbury, or stockbroker.

Well, there's always a first time—so don't waste breath wishing you were a boy—Miss Future Prime Minister!

SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

WHAT kind of Christmas cards do you like? Robins, holly, snow? Red-robed Santa Claus with reindeer? Angels, shepherds, or prints of well-known paintings? (The last, to my mind, have little of the Christmas spirit about them.)

Whatever your choice, there's a wide variety sold in aid of well-known charities such as the Polio Research Fund; World Refugee Organisation; Save the Children Fund—and many others.

Twenty such charities have their fund-raising cards on sale at 49 Victoria Street, London, SW1. Further particulars can be had by sending a SAE marked "Christmas Cards," to The London Council of Social Service, 4 Gower Street, London, WC1.

It's nice to think that, in giving and receiving goodwill cards, you're helping those for whom Christmas means little change from daily poverty, hunger and disease.

TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE

A PRESS showing of portraits and playthings of Royal Children from 16th-century Edward VI to 20th-century Prince Andrew was held at Buckingham Palace—and I went along on your behalf.

I'll be talking about this in our next issue; I'm sure you'll like to know that I found it just as exciting to go to the Queen's home as any of you would have done.

SISTERS



"Well, she started it... she hit me back!"

SCHOOL BUS

BECAUSE more American children registered at a school in Sturgis, South Dakota, than had been expected, the boys and girls in this class have their lessons in a converted bus, as seen in the picture below. It's not a bell that calls them to school—but the honking of the driving horn!

The idea may be fun, but the lessons are just as serious as those held in the school building nearby.



Janina Faye

TAKE THE PACE-MAKERS' WORD

"YOU'LL Like It. You'll Like It!" is a "pop" number by Gerry and the Pacemakers. They could almost be referring to a new TV serial, EMERALD SOUP, which was due to begin last Saturday.

London-born Janina Faye has the role of Jo Maxwell. She is only 15, yet Janina has already appeared on the stage and screen as well as TV. In fact, she played her first part when she was only eight.

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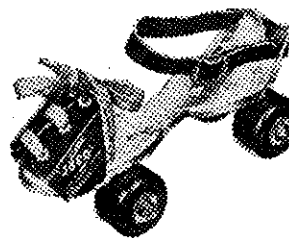
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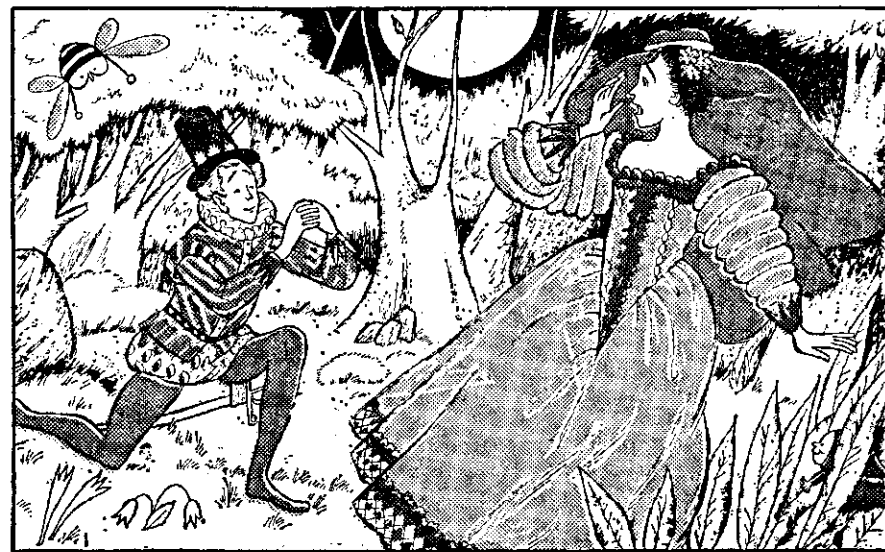


The runaway lovers, Hermia and Lysander, are stumbling around in an enchanted wood whose fairy people are ruled by King Oberon and his Queen, Titania. The King and Queen have quarrelled, and Oberon has called on a hobgoblin named Puck to help him to teach her a lesson.

"I want some juice from the magic flower that makes sleeping people fall in love with the first creature they see when they waken—whether lovely or loathsome. Go and find it, Puck," commands Oberon. "I'll put some drops in Titania's eyes while she's asleep, then we will just wait and watch the fun!" Puck grins at the prospect. "I'll get it," he says. "I won't be very long." Then he suddenly disappears, leaving behind just a faint golden mist in the air.



Secretly, Oberon, watches Titania getting ready for sleep on her bed of musk, primroses, thyme, violets and honeysuckle. She calls her attendants and gives them their orders for the night's work. "Kill the canker in the musk-rose buds. Hunt the bats so that I can use their coats to clothe my elves. Chase away the owl. I can't stand the sound of his hoot. And all of you sing me a sweet-sounding lullaby so that I will sink down into a deep sleep. Sing soft and low!"



And now poor Helena, abandoned by Demetrius, stumbles upon the sleeping Lysander, who wakens with a start. Influenced by the magic flower's juice, he suddenly kneels at the surprised Helena's feet and tenderly tells her, "I love no one but you!" At first Helena is too amazed to speak, then she interrupts him tearfully: "Stop it! Shame on you! First I'm humiliated and left by Demetrius. Now you mock me. I know it's Hermia you love, not me. You're cruel!"



Meanwhile, other human beings beside Hermia and Lysander are in the woods. Demetrius, out for revenge since Helena has told him of the runaways' plans, is looking for Lysander. Helena, unwanted, has followed Demetrius and loudly implores him to take notice of her again. Listening to her pleading words, Oberon takes pity and, when Puck returns, tells him to use the magic juice on Demetrius. "Make him fall in love with Helena. Hurry now, and find him."



Hermia and Lysander, tired from walking around, have fallen asleep. Puck, searching for Demetrius, mistakes Lysander. "Here is the stubborn-hearted one I have to enchant. When he awakes, he will love the girl, Helena, whom he's previously scorned. He'll be so in love that he'll bore her with his sweet words—and serve him right!" Dropping the magic flower juice into the sleeping Lysander's eyes, Puck then leaves, not knowing the terrible mix-up he's caused!



Helena runs off, followed by the protesting Lysander. All this noise and the arrival of Demetrius awakens Hermia, who, finding Lysander gone, is scared something dreadful may have happened. Demetrius demands to know where Lysander is, shouting, "I'll run him through on my sword!" "You're only pretending to look for him," cries Hermia. "You've killed him already or he'd still be with me!" she accuses him. Despite repeated denials, she refuses to believe Demetrius.

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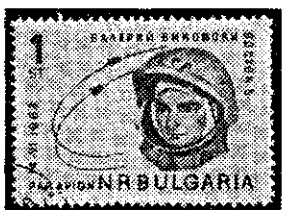
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WORLD OF STAMPS

NEW CABLE LINK

A SURPRISE for collectors comes in the GPO announcement that Britain is to have another commemorative stamp, the twelfth this year. It will be issued next month to mark the installation of the first telephone cable across the Pacific Ocean.

Known as COMPAC, the new cable links Canada to Australia and New Zealand. As Canada is already linked to Britain by trans-Atlantic cable, people in Britain will now be able to talk to Australia and New Zealand by telephone.

The new British stamp will be a 1s. 6d. value, as this prepaids the postage on an airmail letter from Britain to the two Pacific Dominions. Special stamps in honour of COMPAC are also being issued in Australia and New Zealand. They will be in the same basic design.

Two other new stamps from New Zealand mark the centenary of the Dominion's first railway. This was



opened in 1863 between Christchurch and Lyttelton. One of the stamps, the 3d. value depicted here, shows an early steam engine and a new diesel locomotive. The other shows a modern diesel running through mountainous country.

MR. JOMO KENYATTA, Prime Minister of Kenya, was in London recently for talks with Mr. Duncan Sandys, the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations. During his visit Mr. Kenyatta saw

by C. W. Hill

the designs for the new series of stamps to be issued in Kenya to celebrate the country's independence. The picture shows Mr. Kenyatta autographing the new designs at the offices of the printers, Messrs. Harrison and Sons, Ltd., of London.

There will be 14 values in the series. They will feature some of Kenya's industries and its beautiful scenery. The 2s. value shows workers in a coffee plantation. Other values show views of the



port of Mombasa and the government buildings in Nairobi. On every stamp is the word "Uhuru," meaning "Independence."

THE 1964 Olympic Games, to be held in Tokyo next year, have already been heralded by series of stamps in several countries. From Hungary comes a new series of eight stamps to honour the 1964 Winter Olympic Games, which will be held at Innsbruck, in Austria.

The stamps show some of the sports which form part of the Games, among them skating, skiing, bob-sledding, and ice-hockey. Pictured here is a ninth stamp which will be added to the series to mark the actual opening day.



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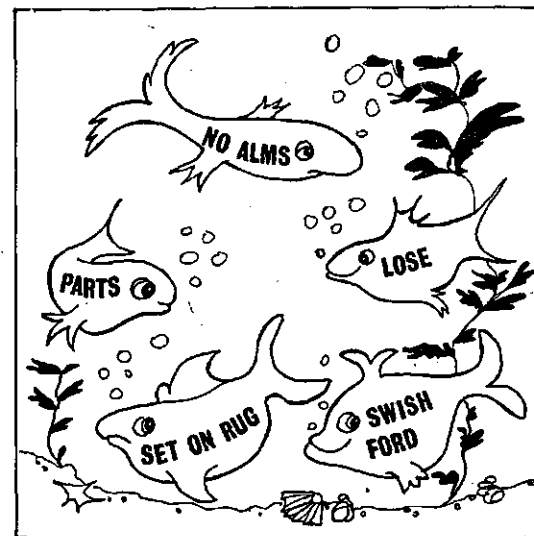
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FIND THE FISH

The names of five well-known fish appear in the illustration but the letters have been jumbled. As a clue, each name begins with the letter S.



HIDDEN ANIMAL

MY first's in July but never in June,
My second's in melody, also in tune ;
My third is in harbour and also in port,
My fourth is in type but never in sort.
My fifth is in oath but never in vow,
My sixth is in horse but it isn't in cow ;
My last is in wood but it's missing from coal,
A spotted, fierce animal equals my whole.

THREE FROM ONE

Can you re-arrange the letters in the word below to form : a three-letter word meaning since; a four-letter word for an African river; and a four-letter word meaning index?

LEGISLATION

OFFICIAL NAMES PLEASE

Here are a list of occupations. Can you give each one its official title? (For example, a wine merchant is a vintner.)

Wine merchant.
 Stamp collector.
 Author of a dictionary.
 Coin collector.
 Student of shells or molluscs.
 One who stuffs creatures.
 He studies the lives and writings of the Saints.

WORD SQUARE

The answer to the four clues will, if written below each other, read the same down as across.

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Answers to puzzles are on page 12



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HE roused Hawkins, and together they stole downstairs. Luckily for them, the main door of the hospital was open. Within a few minutes, they were out in the town mingling with the café and cinema crowds.

It took some hours to find the rendezvous Pearman had been told about and as it was now the middle of the night they decided to wait for morning; accordingly they spent a very cold time hidden in a nearby coppice, until at seven the rendezvous, a café, opened its doors and they cautiously approached it.

As soon as Hawkins—who spoke French fairly well—whispered who they were, they were made welcome and hidden away in an upstairs room where they were given a good meal.

They were now in touch with the wonderful underground organisation which successfully aided scores of British airmen.

Pearman was told that they would have to lie low for a couple of days until it was safe to take them to the chief of the escape organisation, who had a flat

by

Laurence Meynell

in Nîmes itself. But those two days of waiting were far from wasted; the organisation got to work, providing both men with a complete outfit of civilian clothes, and a bicycle.

ON the third day, accompanied by a guide, they boldly cycled back into Nîmes to the flat of the huge, jovial Frenchman who organised the whole escaping machinery. Here they lay in hiding again while they were photographed, and false identity papers were prepared.

All this took ten days, and then suddenly they were launched on the next stage of their journey, this time being provided with two railway tickets to the Pyrenees and armed with very imposing-looking identity cards. They had a guide with them who would do any talking which might be necessary on the journey.

In this comfortable manner they travelled to Toulouse where their guide left them at the Hotel de Paris to wait for a new guide, a Spaniard.

The Spaniard contacted them a few days later, and told them to take a train to Marbonne, some ninety miles away, where he would meet them again. But on arriving at Marbonne they had difficulty in contacting the Spaniard, who by now was pretty obviously scared.

Hawkins managed to get some sort of further instructions out of him before they got into another train, hoping for the best. At Perpignan, all the passengers were subjected to a close scrutiny by eight gendarmes, who declared themselves not altogether satisfied with the papers which Pearman and Hawkins produced.

A few hours later Pearman and his companion were locked up in the local police cells, cold, hungry and bitterly disappointed.

TWO days later, Pearman and Hawkins, handcuffed together, were led out of their cells. After a day and a half of travel they found themselves 3,000 feet above the town of Nice entering the forbidding gateway of their new prison camp, Fort de la Revère. There, since they had been free for twenty days, they were sentenced to twenty days in punishment cells.

When their twenty days were up and they came out into the camp, Pearman immediately began to think of escape again. Fort de la Revère did not give him much encouragement. Searchlights, a maze of barbed wire and a forty-foot-deep moat were the first things he saw. And the fort was not only built on rock, but was largely built of rock itself with walls a good two feet thick. Nevertheless, various ingenious schemes were put into operation by the prisoners. But something invariably went wrong—until the old familiar method of a tunnel was tried again. This time luck was with the conspirators.

AT 4.30 in the afternoon of 5th September a short and shallow tunnel was finished. The great snag about it was that each escaping man would have to travel about 150 yards in full view of a sentry.

It thus became vitally important to distract the sentry's attention, and one of the prisoners remaining behind volunteered to engage the man in conversation.

It was agreed that the escape should be made in parties of five—two RAF and three Army men at a time.

The man speaking to the sentry did a splendid job, and by six o'clock, two parties of five had already got away. It was now Pearman's turn to escape with the third group. After getting out of the tunnel, he had to travel through some thirty yards of barbed wire and spikes which tore his clothing badly and cut him on the arm.

After the barbed wire and the

Barbed wire and spikes tore his clothing badly and cut him on the arm.

AIRMEN ON THE RUN



spikes came the most dangerous part of all, when he had to crawl on his stomach in full view of the sentry.

Luckily, the decoy man was still distracting the sentry's attention, and Pearman safely reached a small group of fir trees.

There was still the moat to negotiate.

PEARMAN let himself down over the side and, hoping for the best, let go and dropped. He landed on some fairly mossy grass, shaken but unhurt.

The next thing was to climb up the other side. This far wall was not quite so high, but even so it was twenty feet of sheer rock and it had to be scaled.

A few very small bushes were growing out of the face of the rock and with the help of these Pearman made a desperately hazardous journey up the rock.

As soon as they were up and out of the moat, the men ran for cover to a group of fir trees. The

rendezvous they had to make for was a monastery more than two miles away on the other side of the valley, but as it was already getting near dusk they decided to spend the night where they were. And a very uncomfortable night it was; the escape had been discovered and the mountainside roads were alive with the lights of patrol cycles and cars.

When daylight came, the fugitives could see that the whole of the main road in the valley was guarded by troops, and it was decided that it would be too dangerous to move. Accordingly, they lay in hiding through the whole of a second day.

Towards evening it seemed as though the searching activity had been somewhat reduced and the men made up their minds to press on.

Although the monastery was not far away, it had to be approached over extremely difficult ground, which included the crossing of the still heavily-guarded main road.

EVENTUALLY the escaping prisoners reached the monastery, where they found an outhouse to sleep in.

Their contact at the monastery was the Polish priest who served the nuns as a chaplain; but their luck was out. Next morning they discovered that the priest was away and the Mother Superior saying that she could do nothing to help them, asked them to leave at once.

This was a bitter blow; but, as they were moving away, an old farmer approached them and asked if they were English. There didn't seem to be much point in denying it so they said they were. Thereupon the old man beckoned them to follow him. He led them some distance away to a deep ravine in the mountainside, and here later on the farmer's son came with a most welcome supply of fruit, eggs and rolls of bread.

When darkness fell, the farmer's son appeared again and without speaking motioned them to follow him. In absolute silence and in the darkness they moved across the rough hillside to an orchard higher up, and here they found three men from one of the other groups that had broken out of the fort.

The senior RAF NCO in the party knew the address of the next rendezvous along the escape route, which was a house in Nice, and this was now entrusted to the farmer's son, who immediately set off to tell the people there what the position was.

THE following day a guide from Nice appeared, saying that at dusk they must be prepared to follow him over the mountain pass into Monte Carlo.

At eight o'clock they set out. It was pitch dark and the path was narrow and dangerous. But a good pace had to be kept up to cover the twenty-four miles to Monte Carlo before daylight came.

Just after midnight they stopped for half an hour at a lonely house high up in the hills. Here a solitary Englishwoman lived; and here, in the dark, the exhausted and hungry men were given sandwiches and hot drinks. Then with a whispered, "good luck, good luck," they were sent on their way again.

Eventually as dawn was breaking a very weary group of men straggled into still-sleeping Monte Carlo.

Here they were split up. Sergeant Pearman and four other men were taken to a house in the Boulevard d'Italie. Although this house was part of the rescue route, the French maid and the gardener could not altogether be trusted and the British airmen had to be careful to conceal themselves.

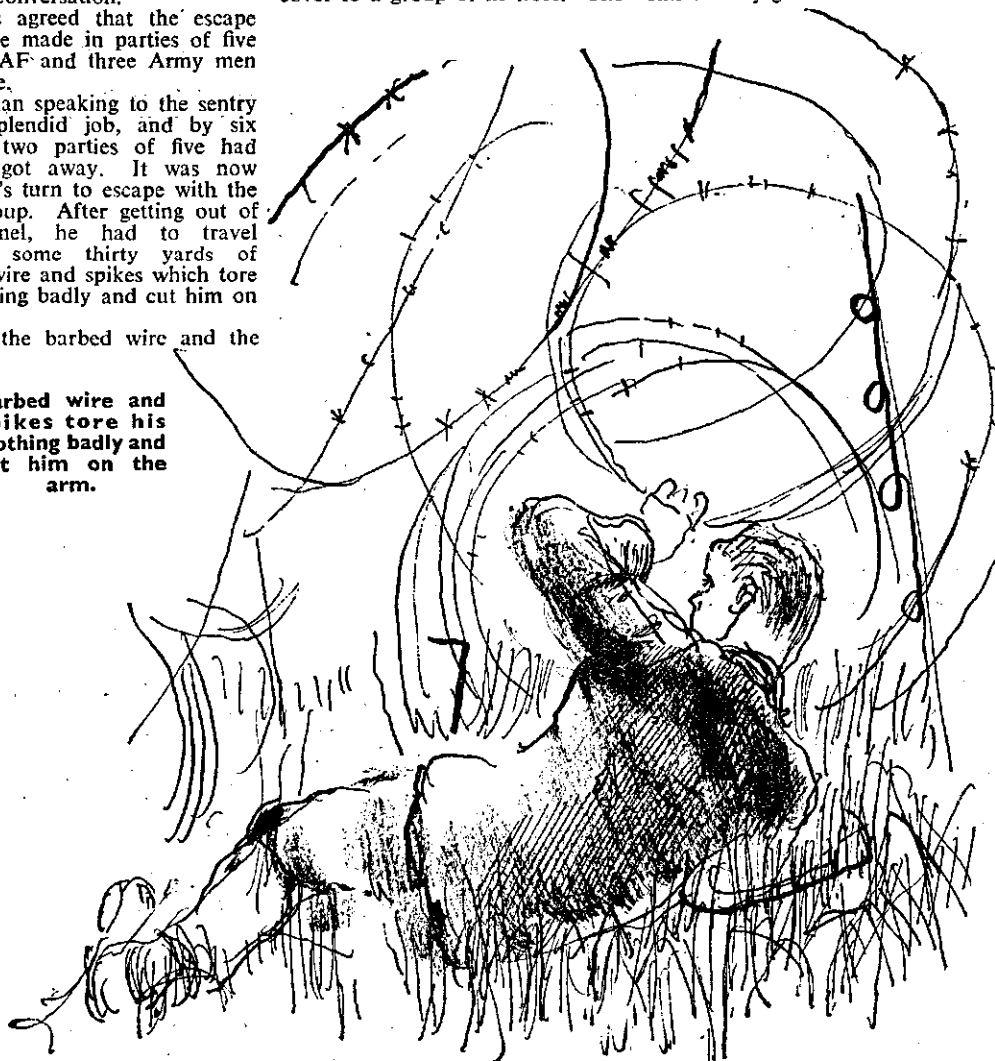
The escape organisation had a large number of RAF men on its hands and it was impossible to deal with them all at once, so that Sergeant Pearman and the others from Fort de la Revère had to wait three weeks in Monte Carlo.

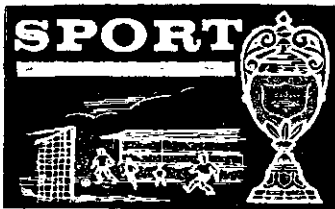
They were not all this time in the same hiding-place, nor was the time wasted, because all of them were fitted out with fresh civilian clothes and provided with new faked identity cards.

Eventually, exactly a month after breaking out of their prison camp, the news came that they were to be off on the last stage of their long journey to freedom.

By this time their numbers had increased to twelve, so they were split up into several groups and on the morning of 2nd October they set off for Nice.

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THERE ARE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED ON THE ICE

By the Sports Editor

WHAT with the Richmond Trophy and the British championships in the past week or two, ice-skating has leapt into the news. It has made news, too, in a less spectacular way, in the world of education.

The London County Council has introduced ice-skating into the curriculum of 14 of its schools. The lessons are given at the magnificent Silver Blades rink at Streatham, so I went along there the other afternoon.

MR. BOWMAN, Assistant Manager of the rink, met me and we sat in the balcony overlooking the arena, on which skaters were being put through their paces by several instructors.

"The LCC," said Mr. Bowman, "has so far only added ice-skating lessons to the timetable of Secondary and Comprehensive schools. Because of the location of this rink, the schools are naturally from the southern area of London. But one class comes from a school as far away as Eltham, in Kent."

Twenty Minutes With an Expert

Each afternoon about 30 pupils from each of the schools involved spend an hour at the rink. Divided into groups of ten, they spend 20 minutes under an expert instructor and the rest of the time they are allowed to practise on their own, in singles or small groups. But the instructor is always present to lend a hand here and offer advice there.

"The course lasts 12 weeks," said Mr. Bowman, "and at the end of it most pupils will have mastered the basic movements— forwards, backwards, and cross rolls. (This is crossing one leg over the other while on the move.)"

"Since skating is part of the school curriculum, each child has a test at the end of each course. The test given is exactly the same as that taken by a skater who is entering for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Medal Award."

Her Ambition is to Become a Star

While we were talking, a class of 30 from the Stockwell Manor Girls' School at Brixton was on the ice. We went to join a group, and I learned from instructor John Simon that one of his best pupils was 15-year-old Valerie Murphy.

"Until taking this course," said Valerie, "I'd never been ice-skating, although I have been on rollers. But this is much more fun."

Not surprisingly, her ambition is to become a star.

When the Stockwell girls ended their lesson, there followed a class from the Peckham Manor Boys' School. One boy, 14-year-old Michael Allen, was taking his second course. He told me that he had been in a class which began last Easter.

Another boy, Colin Blower (15), had already passed his bronze medal test and at the end of the present course would try for his silver award.

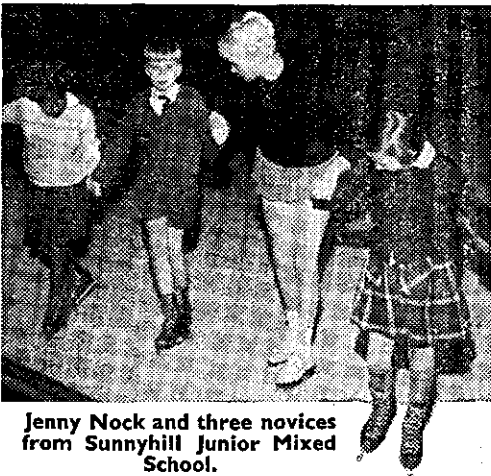
When four o'clock came, the school day ended, and so did the boys' class. But that was not by any means the end of skating



Instructor Michael Abbott lends a hand with the cross roll.



Michael Allen leads a string of his friends from the Peckham Manor Boys' School.



Jenny Nock and three novices from Sunnyhill Junior Mixed School.

Instructor John Simon with a group from the Stockwell Manor Girls' School.



classes, for on to the ice came some very young skaters indeed.

This was a class of nine-to-ten-year-olds from nearby Sunnyhill Junior Mixed School.

The headmistress, Mrs. M. Milford, told me that since Sunnyhill Junior Mixed is a Primary school, it does not come within the LCC scheme. "The classes for my school are arranged privately," she said, "and are held after normal school hours. The money to pay for the course is met by the parents, who are all very keen on the idea."

When suggesting the skating classes, Mrs. Milford expected 30 or 40 parents to be interested. There were 140! "So it was quite a job trying to make everybody happy."

Instructors From the Ice-Shows

These young skaters hung on to every word and move from their instructors, who included 18-year-old Jenny Nock. She has been in a few ice shows, and was on tour for a year in *The Wizard Of Oz*.

Another instructor whom the youngsters seemed to regard with awe was Basil Cudlip-Green. Perhaps they knew he would soon be entertaining thousands with his superb skating, for Basil is to play the part of Phineas Fogg in *Around The World In 80 Days*, the ice-spectacular which opens at the Wembley Empire Pool on 20th December.

Having watched the classes, and seen the great care taken by the instructors in teaching their pupils, I felt sure that the London County Council has done something very good here; it is an idea which other education authorities might copy. Pictures by Staff Photographer.

AIRMEN ON THE RUN

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THEY were now once again in the hands of the wonderful escaping organisation which led them from one rendezvous to another, and eventually brought them safely to Perpignan. Here they left the train they had been travelling in and under the direction of a final guide made their way to the little seaside village of Canet Plage.

On the seashore was an isolated bungalow chalet where the British airmen had to wait for a further seven days. They knew that one night, as soon as it could be arranged, a light would flash out at sea and they would know that the long arm of the Royal Navy had reached out to them at last.

During this period they were joined by further contingents of escapees who had been sent along the "route," until finally their numbers reached twenty-five and the bungalow was bursting at the seams.

Meanwhile, far away from them, plans for their final evacuation were being completed and on the seventh night word came that these were ready.

Accordingly, at midnight, they set off in three parties of ten, ten and five, and trudged two miles across the deserted sands to the appointed place. Here, they had been told, at two o'clock they would see a flashing light out at sea.

It was a rough blustery night, and by four o'clock no light had been seen. Dispiritedly, the twenty-five men trudged back again to the bungalow.

The next night they tried again but with no more success. "Joseph," the guide in charge of the operation, was now very uneasy.

NEXT day, he set off for Marseilles, where the organisation had a transmitting station with which he could contact Gibraltar.

Three days later he returned with better news. There had been a hitch on the previous nights but the ship would certainly be there — tonight!

At two in the morning twenty-five anxious men were again out along the dark sands. An hour passed and hopes began to sag; then suddenly someone called, "There she is!" as a red light flashed, flashed again, and then disappeared.

Joseph gave an answering flash on his torch and, after what seemed an eternity to the waiting men, a small rowing boat appeared out of the darkness and ran up on to the beach.

Two men jumped out armed with sub-machine guns, but Joseph's password was in order and the first party of six was immediately told to get aboard.

A second and a third passage was made; then came the fourth which took Sergeant Pearman.

Their rescue ship was a Spanish fishing boat under a Royal Navy lieutenant.

AT eight o'clock on the morning of 16th October they sailed into Gibraltar Harbour; and then, three days later, Sergeant Pearman was in a Sunderland flying boat heading for England.

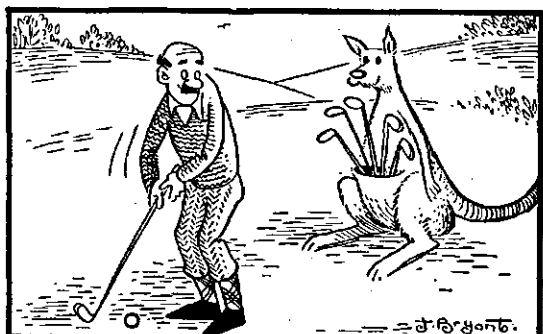
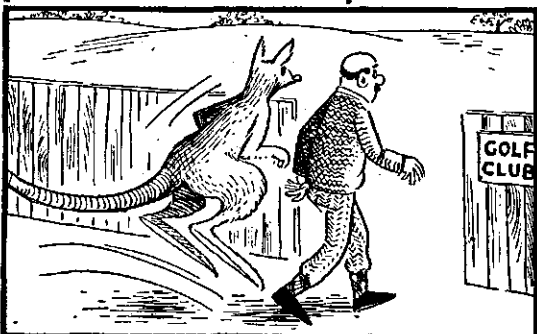
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